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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE THE APPLICATION OF

Angelo Bettinzoli

SERIAL NO. : 10/718,100

FILED: November 20, 2003

) VARIABLE-FORCE BALANCING
) DEVICE IN PARTICULAR FOR
) MOVABLE-AXIS HINGES OF
) ELECTRIC HOUSEHOLD
) APPLIANCE AND THE LIKE
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) Group Art Unit: 3683

) Examiner: Mariano Ong Sy

) Customer number: 27,717

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MAIL STOP: FEE AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to the paper mailed November 8, 2004 wherein the Examiner had requested that a species election be made. As this paper is being filed on January 7, 2005, the required petition for a one-month extension of time is attached hereto.

By way of this Response, Applicant hereby elects the species B, Figures 7 and 8.

Applicant understands that rejoinder of the species A, Figures 1 – 3 is possible in accordance with 37 CFR §1.141

Date:

1/7/05

Respectfully submitted,

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